

Town of Fairhaven

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

November 10, 2021

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Present: Wayne Oliveira, Vicki Oliveira, Mike Kelly, David Braga, Natalie Mello and Selectman Keith Silvia.

Absent: Gail Isaksen John Medeiros, Mj Carvalho, Gary Lavalette

Also Present: Planning Director Paul Foley

Chairman Oliveira called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Banquet Room at Town Hall and via Zoom. All members observed Social Distancing rules.

Minutes

Mr. Braga made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Mello. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report

The Chairman read the financial report.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Oliveira said he has tried several times to reach Mr. Dawicki at Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) regarding the Nimrod Cannon and there has been no response. Mr. Oliveira said former commission member Chuck Cromwell was part of the original agreement with NMI and will reach out to Mr. Dawicki. Mr. Oliveira has spoken with Town Counsel who will send a letter if necessary.

Mr. Oliveira said he has put in a Community Preservation Committee (CPC) application for the Spring Street Fire House for this season. Mr. Oliveira said the front entrance at the Academy is still pending due to not having any contractors. Mr. Oliveira has reached out to New Bedford Voke to have the carpentry students fabricate a new fence at the Old Stone School House on North Street.

Committee Liaison Reports

No committee liaison reports.

Correspondence

No correspondence this month.

Bills

The members signed the Commission's monthly bills.

Academy Building

Mr. Oliveira said he is still working with the contractor who worked on the back ramp but is not pleased with the quality of some of the work and may have to drop them and hire someone else to finish the

project. The Architect will speak to the contractor. Mr. Oliveira has been reaching out to other contractors for the front entrance project. Ms. Mello inquired about the lighting on the front of the building; Mr. Oliveira will look into why it is not being secured nightly.

Fire Museum

Mr. Oliveira has put in a CPC application for the Spring Street Fire House. The Washington Street Fire House is in pretty good shape for now but may need some painting in the spring.

Fort Phoenix

Mr. Oliveira reported the flagpole has been fixed. Ms. Mello asked about the State's plans for the State side of the Fort. The gate is no longer locked at night, permitting access to the bath house and beyond.

Old Stone School House

Mr. Oliveira is hoping the renovations can be started soon but the price of materials is very high right now due to COVID.

House Plaque

Kevin and Lauren Grant, 63 Fort Street have applied for a house plaque for their Queen Anne style house. Members reviewed the application.

Ms. Mello made a motion to recommend the house plaque for 63 Fort Street to read "Julia A. Fisher, 1904, Dressmaker." Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Demo Delay

At 7:00 pm Chairman Oliveira opened the public hearing regarding the demolition of 27 Fort Street by reading the Demo delay by law Present for the meeting was homeowner Leong Yiu-Tung Designer Mary Joe Lima and Nelson DeGouveia

Ms. Lima told the commission this house has had many renovations with there being 3 different additions and the house is in disrepair and unsafe.

Mr. DeGouveia said the house has safety issues and it will be safer to tear down the house then to try to rebuild.

Mr. Yiu-Tung said he has had contractors look at the home but was told it would be more cost effective to tear it down and start new.

Mr. Oliveira told the homeowner the commission's concerns are because the house is from 1875 and the commission is worried about losing a home from that year and character.

Members would like to have a walk through to see the inside of the home before making any determination. Members discussed a possible date to have a walk through at the home.

The Public Hearing will be continued until the next meeting on December 1, 2021.

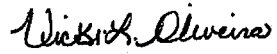
New Business

Ms. Mello asked Mr. Foley about the Town Hall lights. Mr. Foley will be reviewing the light project with the Planning Board for their recommendations.

Mr. Oliveira said he has met with Eversource and the vocational supervisors to review the project. The vocational students will do some of the installations. Mr. Oliveira said there will be time for public comment and to weigh in and help choose on the style of lights.

Mr. Braga made a motion at 7:42to adjourn. Ms. Mello seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Oliveira".

Vicki Oliveira
Recording Secretary
(Approved 12/1/2021)

